

January 21, 2002

Ms. Renata Hesse
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

After having reviewed the "Key Provisions of the Proposed Consent Decree with the Department of Justice", I believe that the proposal is fair and, since both Microsoft and the Department of Justice have come to this agreement, I believe the citizens of the United States would benefit if the Consent Decree were implemented expeditiously.

Sincerely

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